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Applicant: Yamamoto et al.

Title: METHOD FOR IDENTIFICATION AND DETECTION OF  
MICROORGANISMS USING GYRASE GENE AS AN INDICATOR

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	19
Claims	8
Abstract	1
Drawing(s)	1

Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 3 pages.
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This application is a continuation-in-part (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/208,688, filed December 10, 1998.

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